

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet comprising:
a chewing gum center fully or partly encapsulated by a barrier layer;
said gum center comprising a compression of gum base granules and chewing gum additives; ~~and~~
said gum base granules having a moderated tackiness; and
wherein said barrier layer comprises at least one of lubricants, anti-adherents, or glidants.
2. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said moderated tackiness is obtained by at least one natural resin incorporated in at least a part of the gum base granules.
3. (Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 3% to 50% by weight of natural resins.
4. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 0.5% to 30% by weight of elastomers.
5. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 0.1% to 15% by weight of flavoring agents.
6. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 2, wherein the natural resin[[s]] provides an improved and sticky texture ~~[[of]]~~to the tablet.
7. ~~(Previously presented) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claims 1, wherein said barrier layer comprises at least one of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.~~

8. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the barrier layer comprises magnesium stearate.
9. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein said barrier layer comprises at least one of metallic stearates, hydrogenated vegetable oils, partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols, polyoxyethylene monostearates, animal fats, silicates, silicates dioxide, talc, magnesium stearates, calcium stearates, fumed silica, powdered hydrogenated cottonseed oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils, hydrogenated soya oil and mixtures thereof.
10. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the gum center is substantially free of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.
11. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the gum center comprises wax.
12. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the gum center is substantially free of wax.
13. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein said barrier layer is provided during the manufacturing of the chewing gum tablet.
14. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 2, wherein said natural resin comprises rosin esters.
15. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 2, wherein said natural resin comprises at least one of glycerol esters of partially hydrogenated rosins, glycerol esters of polymerised rosins, glycerol esters of partially dimerised rosins, glycerol esters of tallow oil rosins, pentaerythritol esters of partially hydrogenated rosins, methyl esters of rosins, partially hydrogenated methyl esters of rosins or pentaerythritol esters of rosins.

16. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein said chewing gum additives comprises sweeteners in an amount of from about 5 to about 95% by weight of the chewing gum
17. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 5, wherein at least a part of the flavoring agents has been ~~teared~~ torn into the gum base previous to compression.
18. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein said chewing gum additives comprise[[s]] active ingredients.
19. (Currently amended) Compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 4, wherein at least a part of said active ingredients has been ~~teared~~ torn into the gum base previous to compression.
20. (canceled)
- ~~21. (Previously presented) Compression chewing gum granulate comprising about 5 to 80% by weight of at least one natural resin.~~
- ~~22. (Original) Compression chewing gum granulate according to claim 21, wherein the gum base granulate comprises at least one flavor compound.~~
- ~~23. (Previously presented) Compression chewing gum granulate according to claim 22, wherein said at least one flavor compound has been teared into the gum base.~~
- ~~24. (Previously presented) Compression chewing gum granulate according to claims 21, wherein said natural resin comprises rosin esters.~~

25. ~~(Previously presented) Compression chewing gum granulate according to claims 21, wherein said natural resin comprises at least one of glycerol esters of partially hydrogenated rosins, glycerol esters of polymerised rosins, glycerol esters of partially dimerised rosins, glycerol esters of tall-oil rosins, pentaerythritol esters of partially hydrogenated rosins, methyl esters of rosins, partially hydrogenated methyl esters of rosins or pentaerythritol esters of rosins.~~
26. ~~(Previously presented) Compression chewing gum granulate according to claims 21, further comprising a plasticizer wherein said plasticizer comprises approximately 0.5 to about 35 weight percent of the chewing gum granulate.~~
27. ~~(Previously presented) Compression chewing gum granulate according to claims 21, wherein said gum base granulate comprises active ingredients.~~
28. (Currently amended) Method of providing a compressed chewing gum comprising:
mixing at least one elastomer and at least one plasticizer into a ~~homogenous~~
homogeneous gum base;
said gum base comprising about 5% to 75% by weight of natural resin;
granulating the gum base;
blending the granulated gum base with chewing gum additives;
depositing a barrier layer on at least a part of a chewing gum center ~~forming granulate formation formed by gum base granules and chewing gum additives~~; and
compressing the mixture into a tablet.
29. (Currently amended) Method of providing a compressed chewing gum according to claim 28, ~~whereby~~ wherein at least a part of the gum base ~~being~~ is premixed with flavor.
30. (Currently amended) Method of providing a compressed chewing gum according to claim 28, ~~whereby~~ wherein said gum base additives ~~comprising~~ comprise active ingredients.

31. (Currently amended) Method of providing a compressed chewing gum according to claim[[s]] 28, ~~whereby~~ wherein the barrier layer comprises at least one of metallic stearates, hydrogenated vegetable oils, partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols, polyoxyethylene monostearates, animal fats, silicates, silicates dioxide, talc, magnesium stearates, calcium stearates, fumed silica, powdered hydrogenated cottonseed oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils, hydrogenated soya oil and mixtures thereof.
32. (Currently amended) Chewing gum tablet according to claim[[s]] 1, wherein the chewing gum tablet has a water content of less than about 2.0% by weight of the chewing gum tablet.
33. ~~(Previously presented) Granulate according to claims 21, wherein the granulate has a water content of less than about 2.0%~~